at Kathmandu in December, 1999 with the mandate of conducting joint investigations for Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project. During the last meeting (14—16 February, 2000) modalities for smooth functioning of JPO-PI including procedure for technical, financial and administrative matters including detailed action plan for works was finalised.

World Bank assistance for irrigation projects

3362. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank is financing in irrigation projects in the country particularly in Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) The details of funds earmarked for accelerated irrigation projects in the country during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir. However, there is no World Bank aided Irrigation Project in Meghalaya.

(b) The following irrigation proects are under implementation with World Bank assistance:—

S. No.	NAME OF THE PROJECT	STATE	AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE (MILLION US $)
1.	A.P. Irrigation Project-III	Andhra Pradesh	325.00
2.	A.P. Economic Restructuring Project (Irrigation componet)	Andhra Pradesh	142.00
3.	Haryana Water Resources Consolidation Project	Haryana	258.00
4.	Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project	Orissa	290.90
5.	TN Water Resources Consolidation Project	Tamil Nadu	282.90

(c) Under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), funds are released on demand from concerned State Governments on year basis. The details of funds released to the State during the last three years are as under:

(Rupees in crores)

Sl. No.	NAME OF THE STATE	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1.	Andhra Pradesh	74.00	79.67	65.015
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	7.500
3.	Assam	12.40	13.95	13.45
4.	Bihar	14.04	47.825	144.040

Sl. No.	NAME OF THE STATE	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
5.	Goa	5.25	—	3.50
6.	Gujarat	196.90	423.82	272.70
7.	Haryana	12.001	—	—
8.	Himachal Pradesh	6.50	5.00	11.047
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	—	—	4.68
10.	Karnataka	90.50	94.50	157.14
11.	Kerala	15.00	—	—
12.	Madhya Pradesh	114.50	90.75	102.345
13.	Maharashtra	55.00	50.86	48.875
14.	Manipur	26.00	10.78	21.810
15.	Meghalaya	—	—	2.694
16.	Mizoram	—	—	1.433
17.	Nagaland	—	—	2.330
18.	Orissa	85.00	71.50	90.25
19.	Punjab	100.00	—	—
20.	Rajasthan	42.00	140.05	106.665
21.	Sikkim	—	—	1.360
22.	Tripura	5.10	3.975	34.65
23.	Tamil Nadu	—	—	—
24.	Uttar Pradesh	78.00	76.50	286.00
25.	West Bengal	20.00	10.00	25.00
	TOTAL	952.19	1119.18	1450.476

Storage of rain water

3363. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any special proposal for linking Cauvery and Ganga so that Deccan Plateau is irrigated and production augmented to help the agriculturists;

(b) whether Government have assessed the quantum of water going to the sea during the rainy season particularly in the North-East and South-West; and

(c) whether Government have any comprehensive plan to arrest or store water in the country to save the crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESORUCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) The erstwhile Miniftry of Irrigation (now Ministry of Water Resources) and Cental Water Commission have formulated a National Perspecive Plan for Water Resources Development which envisages inter linkages between various Peninsular rivers,